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THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

ST. PAUL 5, MINNESOTA

Monday, June 1, 1959

Dear Katharine,

Since I am not so sure of having time next week to write I decided to start my letter now.

I just came across the campus grounds and everything is so beautiful; the weather is perfect. Some of the baby robins are already following the parent birds for the worms that they put into their mouths. Soon they will try to pull <sup>up</sup> worms by them selves and will almost fall backward in the attempt. They are so awkward when they are young. We have two families of baby squirrels too.

Our students are taking their examinations this week and things are somewhat quiet. The Commencement Day will be Sunday, June 7th and then they will depart for their homes.

Yesterday there was a Golden Jubilee celebration at Bethany and I attended and I also went to a Wake.

We had another very good movie here on Saturday afternoon. "Quo Vadis" is the name. It was a real meditation, for it depicted the persecution of the early Christians.

It was nice to have two free days together, Memorial Day and Sunday. I enjoyed a good rest.

Has Arnold been to visit you lately? I haven't heard you mention it.

Tuesday, June 2nd

Katharine, I am saying special prayers for you every day and you are ever in my mind and in my heart I know that you are suffering in many ways and you need support in the trials that our loving Father permits for your sanctification. But remember that each moment increases your merit for Eternity, and helps in the saving of other souls. You and I are on the "Home run" and soon we shall join the other members of our family, rejoicing forever in our God.

Last evening was so pleasant that most of us walked about the campus from after supper until night prayer.

Thursday, June 4th

I checked my mail box for your weekly letter, which usually arrives on Thursday morning, but it was not there; maybe it will come on the afternoon mail.

Two of our sisters are leaving for Europe this morning. They will go by plane to New York and from there will take the boat to foreign parts. They will visit just about all the places that Maurice visited according to their itinerary. They will have three months for their traveling. They have been given a grant for educational purposes.

The students are busy packing and labeling their trunks between examination periods. I shall be glad when they are all off the campus.

The plumbers are still hammering away at the pipes and the plaster, never a dull moment here.

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Fruday, June 5th

Katharine, A few moments ago I received the letter I had been expecting, the one you mailed June 1st. I am so sorry that you have so much pain and are uncomfortable in so many ways, but don't be discouraged, because God will not let you be tried beyond that which you are able to bear. Suffering is a great mystery to all of us, but the words of St. Paul brings us some comfort, "The sufferings of time are not to be compared to the joys of eternity." "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, tongue cannot tell, neither can it enter into the heart of man to know the happiness that God has reserved for those who are resigned to His divine will."

I am glad that the weather is cool today because many of the students are moving out. A great many moved yesterday and it is certainly hard on the nerves to have so much going and coming.

This is our confession day, but the confessor is not coming at our usual hour, so I have to adjust myself and make other arrangements.

It is nice that Alice and Maurice are on a trip, but I think that Helen and John will enjoy their vacation too by just going on short outings with the family.



Saturday, June 6th

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I have finished my morning chores and now will finish this letter, so that you will get it early next week.

Katharine, every time that I bless myself with holy water (and that is many times during the day) I include you in the blessing. We have holy water founts at most of the entrances to the community quarters. I also include all our relatives. So you see I keep you all in my mind and prayers

It is nice for all of us that we have a priest, Father Ronan, amongst our relatives. I am certain that he includes us daily in his Mass. Uncle Joe is so proud and happy in having a son, a priest, and a daughter, a nun. Father Ronan is stationed somewhere in Chicago now.

Sister Emeron, Uncle Joe's daughter, would like to have me invite her here on a vacation, I know, but I do not feel equal to entertaining anyone, neither have I the courage to visit her or do any traveling. I have no desire to travel anywhere. I have everything that I need right here, spiritual and temporal and am very much satisfied to stay put.

Katharine, in God you live and move and have your being and not a hair falls to the ground without His permission, so in that infinite Love I feel that you are safe now and forever.

Lovingly,

Sister Elise